

Claims

1. A cooking apparatus capable of supplying steam to a heating chamber with an object to be heated stored therein, comprising:

5 heating chamber interior heating means, heating the interior of the heating chamber;

steam supply means, supplying steam into the heating chamber;

heating chamber temperature detect means, detecting the
10 temperature of the interior of the heating chamber; and

a control part, controlling the heating chamber interior temperature detect means and the steam supply means;

wherein the control part, based on the temperature detected by the heating chamber interior temperature detect
15 means, controls the heating chamber interior heating means and the steam supply means to thereby be able to maintain the heating chamber interior temperature at a given heat retaining temperature suitable for keeping the object to be heated warm.

20 2. The cooking apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein, while measuring the temperature of the interior of the heating chamber or the temperature of the object to be heated, the control part controls the heating chamber interior heating means and the steam supply means to thereby keep the object
25 to be heated warm.

3. The cooking apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein,
up to a given time, the control is executed while giving
priority to the state of the object to be heated and, after
then, the control is executed while giving priority to a heat
5 retaining time.

4. The cooking apparatus as set forth in Claim 3, wherein,
after passage of the given time, information is given using
informing means.
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